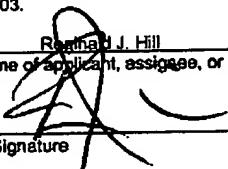


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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002 having a statutory period of response set to expire on December 25, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amendment and remarks below.

Please amend the application as follows:

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